



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Meeting Type:	Mayor & Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	2-17-2020
Agenda Item:	Intergovernmental Agreement with Whitfield County for First Appearance Bond Hearings
Department:	Administration & Municipal Court
Requested By:	Jason Parker
Reviewed/Approved by City Attorney?	Yes
Cost:	Increase from \$10 per hearing to \$15 per hearing
Funding Source if Not in Budget	Municipal Court Budget

Please Provide A Summary of Your Request, Including Background Information to Explain the Request:

Purpose:

- Pursuant to a request from Chief Magistrate Chris Griffin to update the expired agreement, and increase the per-inmate charge to City

Important Points:

- Judge Griffin is requesting an increase from \$10 per inmate hearing to \$15 per inmate hearing to help cover the cost of interpreters, and increasing overhead of administration of the hearings
- A hearing is required by law within 48 hours of confinement if bond has not been made
- Per the agreement, the Magistrate Judges handle the hearings daily in place of Municipal Judge, including weekends
- In 2019 City paid \$4100 for 1st appearance hearings (approximately 410 hearings)